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lowest on record. During January 37 new borrowers were added to the list, and some 2134 books were given

list, and some 2134 books were given out. The estimates were ordered to be prepared for next meeting and Ald. Stephens, chairman of the finance committee will be invited to attend and go over them with the board. There were present at the meeting Messrs. W. J. J. Twohey, chairman, Dr. Charteris, Thomas Scullard, I. L. Davis and Capt. Smith.

Six burglars blew the Bank of Jalifax at Danville, Que, Wednesday

night and got \$5,000. They were overhauled twelve miles away and after

a fight, in which two were severely wounded, they surrendered. The money was found on them

IN THE COMMONS. Mr. Bourassa has given notice of motion in the house of commons pro-

testing against the action of the govtesting against the action of the got-ernment in sending troops to South Africa without the sanction of par-liament. Sir Charles Tupper also further protested against the action

of certain newspapers in abusing the privileges of the house by misrepresenting the speakers. Before the house arose Sir Wilfrid said that to-morrow Mr. Fielding's resolution rethe payment of the contingent would be discussed after that there was no

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THE PROBABILITIES

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Full chorus rehearsal for patriotic concert in Central School to-night at 8 o'clock, sharp. Full attendance ree-

The Rev. Israel, evangelist, after three weeks' labor with much success, will preach his farewell sermon Sunday evening, Feb. 11th, in the First Baptist church, King street. All are

The officials of the L. E. & D. R. R. were in the city yesterday on their way home after a trip over the whole way home after a trip over the way home after a trip over the composed of T. Marshall, assistant general freight and passenger agent; J. H. Coburn, solicitor; E. A. Drake, travelling freight and passenger agent, H. Morris, roadmaster, and R. K. Cameron.

· The Maple City Hockey team have secured the rink from the curlers for secured the rink from the curlers for to-night, when they will engage in a friendly game with Glencoe. Both teams are well matched, and as Glencoe defeated Chatham a few weeks ago, it is all up to the Maple City boys to retrieve their lagirels and this they are determined to do so that a good game may be looked for. The game will start at 8 o'slock. The team will be, goal, Sam Mercer; point, F, Stinson; cover point, W. A. Campbell, forwards, W. Mercer, Max Frazer, McLeod, and H. B. White. zer, McLeod, and H. B. White.

Last Thursday's meeting of the W. O. T. U. was given over almost entirely to the business of preparing for the Willard memorial service to be the Willard memorial service to be held in the room of the society next. Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. The devotional part of the meeting was opened by singing hymn 96, after which the president read 5th chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians, dwelling particularly on verse 17. Prayers. Minutes of last meeting was then read and adopted. We then seecived into our union in full memorial services to be using services.

A man named Gabriel attempted to hold a pro Beer meeting in Winnipeg. He was met at the door of the ball, pelted with eggs, and then charel around a block by the crowd.

Have you read Evangelist McCrossian's book, "Love and Life?" Beauwas then read and adopted. We then geerived into our union in full membership a dear fittle girl, Ethel Pike, who was then appointed collector for our mission among lumbermen in Algoma. A suitable address and prayer closed an impressive ceremony. A. closed an impressive ceremony. A. lidy from Stratford-gave some interesting notes concerning the work there.—Press Sopt.



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Hockey Sticks Buller Rushing up Artillery to Hold Vaal Krantz.

London, Feb. 9 .- A despatch dated ! Frere Camp, Thursday, Feb. 8, but probably written with the advanced ines, Wednesday, Feb.7, and sent to Frere by runner, says:

"The forces of the Boers are on both our flanks and continue to render our position extremely difficult to main-The Charity concert that was to be given in Park St. Church Lecture

room, this evening, has been postponed until tire 19th inst. Beyond the fact that Gen .Butler de Private Farley, of St. Thomas, who died at Belmont, was a visitor at Chatham last summer with the Elgin Col. Otter reports that he has been

obliged to order the court martialling of two members of "B" Company, which halls from this district, and one Koodoesburg Drift, Feb. 8.—The drift. A sharp engagement followed Boers yesterday made a determined lasting the whole day. Gen. Machattempt to drive the British from a hill commanding the drift. Mounting troops to completely surround the of "A" Company, for sleeping on duty. hill commanding the drift. Mounting two 7-pounders at the northern extremity they shelled the position intermittently the whole day. By request be republished this issue the Phone's map of South Africa, to that the various new points may be located from which the British are

The Seaforth Highlanders gained a position on the rocky summit and kept up a sustained fifle fire, but suffered up a sustained title lire, but suffered somewhat from the Boer shelling. A battery was sent and succeeded in silencing the Boer fire.

Meanwhile two companies of the Ar-

SKIRMISH AT CHIEVELEY.

Head Laager, Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—An armored train yesterday made a sortic from Chieveley toward Colenso, and landed 2,000 British troops on the right of the Boer position. The Boers immediately crossed the river and made an attack with rifles and artillery, forcing the with-

London, Feb. 9. - Much confidence is | Du ch in that quarter have been heavi-Gatacre has strengthened his outposts north and west of Sterkstroem, which were threatened with attack, but has rot massed his forces for an advance toward the Orange river.

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yet heen crowned with success. The Free State.

ARTILLERY WILL DECIDE THE DAY.

New York, Feb. 9.—London newspapers realize that Gen. Buller's third
fight to rescue .Ladysmith has only
begun; that he is not much better off

The success of the British movement

at Vaal Krantz and bring up more troops and artillery, the critics will be

tend to light every ince of the way. There is no strategy involved in Gen. Buller's movement. He is hammering his way through the Boers by means of artillery. He is moving straight lence these enfillading guns. This is his way through the Boers by means of artillery. He is moving straight toward Ladysmith, and seeking to split Joubert's army. Pretoria despatches continue to de dence.

A despatch to the Morning Post rom Ludysmith, dated Tuesday, Feb. Picture 6, says:—Little can be seen of Gen. Buller's action owing to the haze. It appears that the Boers have withdrawn their big guns from the hills here southward. A large force of Boers still remain, and the garrison is prepared for a night attack.

A Durban despatch says.—A large force of Boers attacked Nordweni, Zululand, destroyed the public buildings and took numerous prisoners. A force of volunteers, with artillery, has been despatched thither to support the scouts and to oppose a further advance by the Boers.

Sir John Gordon Sprigg, the former Premier of Cape Colony, has cabled to Mr. Chamberlain, the Colonial Secre-tary, in behalf of the Imperialists of Cape Colony, congratulating him on the government's overwhelming ma-jority in the house of Commons, and declaring the government's policy, if steadfastly pursued, would secure South Africa under British supremacy, permanent prosperity.

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from Frere, It is still more patent that it is impossible for him to advance until the artillery has been enabled to take up forward positions for the purpose of subduing the Boer guns on both flanks.

On the length of time occupied in this operation depends the duration of Gen. Buller's maintenance of the defensive. It is reasonable to suppose that the guns and reinforcements were

that the guns and reinforcements were in position yesterday and that another Beyond the fact that Gen Bukler devoted Wednesday to bringing more artillery and troops across the Tugela, nothing is known of his movements, but that he badly needed reinforcement of the troops is in progress. In the meanwhile news is awaited with very great eagerness.

KOODOESBERG ABANDONED,

Babbington was despatched Gen. from Modder River, with a large force of cavalry and two horse batteries, but failed to reach here, although he started early enough in the day to enable him to get here early this evening.
This morning the infantry still re-

Meanwhile two companies of the Argyll Highlanders, advancing along the plain, in a westerly direction, found the Boers entrenched at a small ing. The British losses were 50 men.

DE AAR THREATENED.

felt in Lord Robert's campaign against by reinforced, and are no longer acting on the defensive, but are taking up new positions between Colesbara and the Free State from Cape Colony. Gen.
Gatacre has strengthened his outposts
Philippstown, in the direction of De-

Gen. French was bombarding the Boer position vigorously yesterday from Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern or western frontier or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern frontier or western frontier of the Coles kops, but his maneuvers have not southern frontier or western frontier or we reinforcements with which Gen. Robor western frontier of the

begun; that he is not much better out now than he was when he captured now than he was when he captured spears to be an artitlery problem. Vaal Krantz is exposed to a Jongther long lists of dead and wounded whether he fails or succeeds.

Nothing has been published as to Gen. Buller's movements on Thursday, If he was able to hold his ground at Yall Krantz and bring un more way. appears to be an artitlery problem. Vaal Krantz is exposed to a longguns on higher summits, which com-mand Vaal Krantz.

The British themselves have massed

satisfied.

It is not known in London how important Vaal Krantz is, but it is pretty well understood that the Boers intend to fight every inch of the way tend to fight every inch of the way there is no strategy involved in Gen.

The British themselves have massed their heavy guns on Mount Alice and Zwartz kop on the southern bank of the river, and have brought their field batteries into action with cumulative effect. Continual occupation of the konies and the advance of Bulleville.

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